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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor and recognize Mildred
4 McDowell for being the oldest living female Air Force veteran
5 of World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, Mildred McDowell was born on February 17, 1908,
7 near Brownstown; she currently lives at the Altamont Lutheran
8 Care Center; and

9 WHEREAS, Mildred McDowell served as a teacher for 14 years
10 before changing careers once she learned the military began
11 accepting women during World War II; after enlisting in the
12 Women's Army Corps (WAC), she was assigned to the Roswell Army
13 Airfield in New Mexico, where she packed parachutes; she later
14 worked in supply, issuing airplane parts; after her honorable
15 discharge in December of 1945, she re-enlisted on March 18,
16 1946; and

17 WHEREAS, Following her service in WAC, Mildred McDowell
18 transferred into the United States Air Force and was assigned
19 to Germany, where she worked in the technical order library;
20 she received a second honorable discharge in 1949; and

21 WHEREAS, After an unsuccessful third enlistment attempt,

1 Mildred McDowell returned to civilian life; after briefly
2 returning to teaching, she changed careers again and worked as
3 a civil servant until her retirement in 1970; and

4 WHEREAS, Mildred McDowell's great dedication and
5 willingness to serve her country make her a model for the
6 people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
8 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
9 we honor and recognize Mildred McDowell for being the oldest
10 living female Air Force veteran of World War II and wish her
11 many happy and healthy years to come; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to Mildred McDowell as a symbol of our esteem and
14 respect.